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V. GRAMMAR AND DICTIONARY OF THE ZULU LANGUAGE.

[THE following information is extracted from a letter of Rev. Lewis Grout, missionary in S. Africa, dated Umsunduzi, July 25, 1853.]

A Commission of six (three from our Mission) has been appointed by the Local Government to prepare and publish a grammar and dictionary of the Zulu language, to be published chiefly at the expense of the Government. We have had our first meeting, at which the preparation of the dictionary was referred chiefly to Rev. Mr. Döhne, and of the grammar to myself, each work to be subject to a general review by the whole Commission, before going to press, which cannot be expected under a year.



VI. THE LAW OF STORMS IN CHINESE.

[A PAMPHLET with this title was published at Ningpo, in 1853, by D. J. Macgowan, M. D., missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union. The following introductory note, by the author, explains the nature and design of the publication. It is an attempt to familiarize the Chinese with a branch of meteorological science of quite recent origin even in the West.]

“THE Chinese name of this pamphlet, *Hàng Hài Kín Chin*, signifies The Navigator's Golden Needle. It has been drawn up in accordance with the wishes of H. E. Col. Reid, and is published at the expense of J. C. Bowring, Esq., of Hong Kong. The Chapter on the Typhoons of the China Sea in Col. Reid's work forms the basis of this; use having been made also of the publications of my townsman Mr. Redfield of New York, and Mr. Piddington of Calcutta. So much of the science of meteorology as applies to the subject, has been introduced, with some general principles of navigation as practised in the West; the whole being interspersed with remarks on natural and revealed religion.

“This new science has advanced so slowly among physicists and navigators in Europe and America,—no allusion having been made to it by the illustrious author of *Cosmos* in his masterly survey of the universe, and it being regarded with mistrust by mariners,—that it may by many be deemed premature and futile, to attempt its explanation to a people so slow to appreciate new discoveries as the Chinese. But its simple axioms may be acquired with such facility, and are of such manifest utility in enabling seamen to escape from the fury of these storms, so frequent and destructive on their coast, that it is probable Chinese navigators will gradually avail themselves of the information here proffered, and also, as Col. Reid hopes, will